

## Message Text

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R 191700Z FEB 75  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS  
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
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FOL REPEAT STATE 27870 SENT ACTION GENEVA INFO USUN FEB 6

QUOTE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - PARA TWO LINE FOUR TEXT OF LETTER  
OMITTED

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECOSOC, SHUM

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: U.S. POSITION ON  
REFERRALS UNDER ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1503  
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UNCLASSIFIED LETTER SENT  
FEB 6 TO CONGRESSMAN FRASER EXPLAINING U.S. POSITION ON  
1503 REFERRALS. YOU AUTHORIZED AT APPROPRIATE TIME IN  
DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM IN HRC TO DRAW UPON THE LANGUAGE  
CONTAINED IN PARA 2 OF LETTER, BEGINNING WITH THE SECOND  
SENTENCE ("HE ACCORDINGLY DECIDED TO INSTRUCT ETC.") TO  
MAKE STATEMENT OF U.S. POSITION.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:  
DEAR CONGRESSMAN FRASER:

I AM WRITING TO FOLLOW UP MY CALL TO YOU ABOUT THE  
POSITION WE INTEND TO TAKE AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING IN GENEVA ON THE SITUATIONS IN PARTICULAR COUNTRIES  
REFERRED TO THAT COMMISSION BY THE SUBCOMMISSION ON  
PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES  
AS REVEALING A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS AND RELIABLY  
ATTESTED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MEANING OF  
ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1503.

FOLLOWING HIS TALK WITH YOU, THE SECRETARY GAVE  
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO YOUR SUGGESTION THAT UNDER  
THESE PROCEDURES WE ADOPT A GENERAL POLICY OF SUPPORTING  
REASONABLE REQUESTS FOR STUDY OF PARTICULAR COUNTRY  
SITUATIONS, AND THAT WE SO STATE PUBLICLY IN GENEVA.  
HE ACCORDINGLY DECIDED TO INSTRUCT OUR DELEGATION IN  
GENEVA TO STATE THAT WHEN THE SUBCOMMISSION REFERS A  
SITUATION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS REVEALING  
A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS AND RELIABLY ATTESTED  
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIRING CONSIDERATION BY  
THE COMMISSION UNDER ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1503 AND WHEN  
THE SITUATION IS REASONABLY SUPPORTED BY THE RECORD  
BEFORE THE SUBCOMMISSION AND IS OF CONTINUING AND  
CURRENT CONCERN, THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT A  
THOROUGH STUDY. THE DELEGATION WILL FURTHER STATE THAT  
THE UNITED STATES' SUPPORT OF A STUDY DOES NOT IMPLY A  
PREJUDGMENT ON THE MERITS BY THE UNITED STATES. HE  
HAS ALSO APPROVED THE POSITION THAT THE UNITED STATES  
WILL NOT SUPPORT THE STUDY IF THE RESOLUTION CALLING  
FOR THE STUDY CONTAINS TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH CLEARLY  
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PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY ITSELF.

THE DEPARTMENT IS KEENLY AWARE OF AND APPRECIATES  
YOUR INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND SHARES YOUR DESIRE TO  
MAKE OUR POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS AS EFFICACIOUS  
AS POSSIBLE.

SINCERELY,

ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY  
AMBASSADOR AT LARGE

END OF TEXT.

3. REQUEST YOU INFORM DEPARTMENT IN ADVANCE WHEN YOU  
PLAN MAKE STATEMENT AND SEND TEXT TELEGRAPHICALLY AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATE PUBLIC DISSEMINATION.  
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